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C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 1633

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS SY US

SUBJ: DIPLOMATIC TRAVEL TO SYRIA

REF: DAMASCUS 45

1. WE HAVE REVIEWED GROUND RULES FOR OFFICIAL TRAVEL TO SYRIA ESTABLISHED BY DEPT'S 171520, AUG 29, 1973. AS AREA SITUATION AND USG POSITION HAS SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVED SINCE THEN, WE SUGGEST GROUND RULES BE LIBERALIZED AS FAR AS RESTRICTIONS "D" AND "E" PARA 2 DEPTTEL 171520 ARE CONCERNED. WE HAVE DISCUSSED IN GENERAL FOLLOWING WITH SCOTES WHO CONCURS.

2. WE WOULD PROPOSE INITIALLY THAT USG OFFICIALS BE PERMITTED TRAVEL ANY PLACE A TOURIST IS PERMITTED IN SYRIA AND BE ALLOWED TO SPEND SEVERAL NIGHTS THERE WHICH VISITS TO PALMYRA, ALEPPO, ETC, WOULD REQUIRE. WE SEE NO REASON WHY TRANSIT TO JORDAN SHOULD NOT BE PERMITTED. THIS SHOULD BE OF GREAT BENEFIT TO AMMAN D WOULD HELP US ALSO.

3. WE SEE NO REAL REASON WHY TRANSIT TRAVEL TO TURKEY SHOULD NOT BE PERMITTED BUT PERHAPS WE SHOULD HOLD THAT IN ABEYANCE FOR A SHORT PERIOD UNTIL WE HAVE MORE EXPERIENCE IN SYRIA.

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4. FOR THE INITIAL PERIOD WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT ALL

OFFICIAL TRAVEL ORIGINATE AND END IN BEIRUT AND AMMAN  
AND ONLY AFTER CLEARANCE FROM EMBASSIES CONCERNED. IF  
PEACE MAKING CONTINUES TO PROGRESS, WE WOULD EXPECT THIS  
RESTRICTION COULD BE LIFTED WITH ENTRY THROUGH TURKEY  
AS WELL. MAY BE BENEFICIAL IN INITIAL STAGES TO HAVE  
TRAVEL CONTROLLED BY EMBASSIES POSSESSING FAMILIARITY  
WITH SYRIAN SCENE.

5. WOULD HOPE DEPT MIGHT ISSUE INSTRUCTIONS SOON, HOPEFULLY  
ON BASIS ABOVE LINES.  
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